

VILLAGE OF ALANSON
Resolution No. 2 of 2020

At a regular meeting of the Alanson Village Council held in the Alanson Village Hall, located in Alanson, Michigan, on July 13th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Blumke, Grobaski, Larson, Stepanovich, Babcock

ABSENT: N/A

The following resolution was made by Trustee Larson and seconded by Trustee Stepanovich to-wit:

Recitals

- A. Section 5a(1), Chapter II of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, being MCL 62.5a(1), provided that "the village may pass a resolution to provide for the terms of office of its elected officials and for the terms to be staggered."
- B. Section 5a(3), Chapter II of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, being MCL 62.5a(3), provided that "the village may pass a resolution to provide for any election provision that is consistent with the Michigan election law."
- C. Under Section 5, Chapter II of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, being MCL 62.5, the term of office of elected village council trustees is four (4) years, beginning November 20 after their election. This section also provides that one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the trustees shall be elected at each biennial village election.
- D. Under Section 1(2), Chapter II of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, being MCL 62.1(2), the village council may enact an ordinance reducing the number of trustees on the village council from six (6) to four (4).
- E. The village council exercised the authority granted to it under Section 1(2) when it enacted Ordinance No. 1 of 2007, which reduced the number of trustees on the village council from six (6) to four (4).
- F. Ordinance No. 1 of 2007 did not specify the terms of office for the four (4) trustees and did not specify that all four (4) trustees would be elected at the same village election. As a result, under Section 5, Chapter II of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, being MCL 62.5, the term of office of each elected village council trustee is four (4) years, beginning

November 20 after his or her election, with one-half (½) of the trustees being elected at each biennial village election.

- G. At the November, 2014 village election trustee Marvin D. Blumke and trustee Robert Wanner were elected to four (4) year terms on the village council. Their terms of office commenced on November 20, 2014.
- H. At the November, 2016 village election trustee Preston Grobaski was elected to a four (4) year term. However, because the village was mistakenly informed that all four (4) trustee offices were require to be elected at the November, 2016 village election, in addition to trustee Grobaski (whose name appeared on the ballot), trustee Blumke and trustee Wanner mistakenly ran as write-in candidates. Other write-in candidates for trustee were Sue Anne Kilgore, Doug Larson, and David A. Stepanovich. The three (3) write-in candidates receiving the highest number of votes were trustee Blumke, Doug Larson, and David A. Stepanovich. Based on these election results, the four (4) village trustees seated on the village council were Preston Grobaski, Marvin D. Blumke, Doug Larson, and David A. Stepanovich.
- I. At the November, 2018 village election no village trustee officials were elected. Apparently, it was assumed that all trustees elected at the November, 2016 village election were elected to four (4) year terms.
- J. Therefore, the purpose of this Resolution is to correct the mistakes made by the village at the November, 2016 and November, 2018 village elections and to clarify the terms of office of the four (4) current village council members so that two (2) village trustees are elected every two (2) years for four (4) year terms, thus providing staggered, four (4) year terms consistent with Section 5, Chapter II of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, being MCL 62.5.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Sections 5a(1) and 5a(3), Chapter II of Act 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended, being MCL 62.5a(1) and 62.5a(3), this Resolution is being adopted to correct the mistakes made by the village at the November, 2016 and November, 2018 village elections and to clarify the terms of office for the four (4) current village council members as follows:

Marvin D. Blumke, term ending November 19, 2020
Preston Grobaski, term ending November 19, 2020
Doug Larson, term ending November 19, 2022
David A. Stepanovich, term ending November 19, 2022

YES: Blumke, Stepanovich, Grobaski, Larson, Babcock

NO: NDNE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

VILLAGE OF ALANSON

By: 
Greg Babcock

Its: President

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the Village of Alanson, Emmet County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by said municipality of Emmet County at its regular meeting held on July 13th, 2020, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: July 13th 2020


Brooke Milbrandt, Clerk